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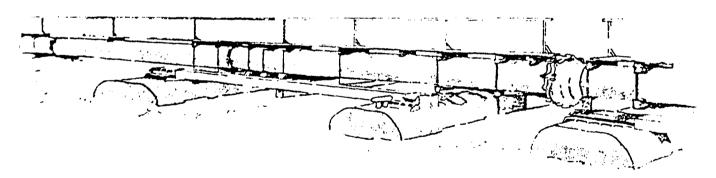
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A survey of the biota that occurred after dredged material disposal and prior to reclamation was conducted on Nott Island, Connecticut, a site selected for upland habitat development under the Dredged Material Research Program. The study included vegetation, floristics, habitat use by small mammals and nesting birds, and occurrence of larger mammals and bird visitors. Biota in the disposal area as well as on the research free inland are described.

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Fourteen major vegetation associations in shrublands, grasslands, estuarine wetlands, and disturbed areas were delineated. A total of 253 species of plants were identified. Three species of small mammals and 70 species of birds were observed. This appendix also includes preliminary observations on experimental plantings of grasses and legumes at different levels of lime application.

SUMMARY

Research at the No't Island upland habitat development site involved efforts in data collection and monitoring at the various operational phases. This report discusses efforts to describe biota on the island after disposal and prior to reclamation. It also presents initial observations on the establishment of experimental plots planted within the disposal area.

The biotic description includes vegetation, floristics, small mammals, and breeding pirds. Note was made of occurrence of larger mammals and bird vis. ors. To develop the vegetation description, a detailed map was prepared using acrial photography and information obtained from field sampling. A total of 974 quadrats, 5 m in diameter were established, a complete species list and cover estimates for each species were taken in all quadrats. From this data, fourteen major vegetation associations were identified. These associations include four of shrubland, four of grassland, and five of estuarine marsh. The fourteenth category, disturbed vegetation, was for areas subjected to equipment traffic during the dredging and disposal operations. A total of 253 species of plants was identified on the island.

The dominant mammals in the upland areas of Nott Island, as determined by live trapping on a 15-m grid, were the meadow vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*), the meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius*), and the short-tailed shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*). Statistically, neither the meadow vole nor the meadow jumping mouse showed a preference for shrubland, grassland, or wetland habitat. Other mammals occurring on Nott Island included white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), eastern mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*), muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*), and Norway rat (*Rattus norvegicus*).

Fifty-one species of birds were observed in 1976, 60 in 1975, and 70 over both years. In 1976, the basedine bird population was estimated to be 121 pairs comprising the species at total density of 4.25 per ha. This represents a slight decline from 1975 when 145 pairs of 23 species were counted for a density of 5.09 per ha. Fifteen species nested both

years, with the most common being, in order, the red-winged blackbird (Agelaius phoeniceus), song sparrow (Melopiza melodia), long-billed marsh wren (Cistothorus palustris), yellow warbler (Dendroica petechia), and common yellowthroat (Geothlypis trichas). The highest density of breeding birds was found in the estuarine wetlands; however, the greatest diversity was in the upland areas where vegetation diversity and cover were greater.

Experimental plots to study growth of grasses and legumes at different levels of lime application were planted in August 1976. Four grasses including tall fescue (Festuca elation), orchard grass (Dactylis glomerata), timothy (Phleum pratense), and perennial ryegrass (Lolium perenne) and two legumes - red clover (Trifolium pratense) and white clover (Trifolium repens) were planted with three replicates each of four lime treatments (control, and 3.6, 5.4, and 7.2 metric tons per 0.4 ha). From observations made about six weeks later it was clear that lime improved coverage and growth of all species. However, it was too early to evaluate optimal lime levels for any of the test species.

PREFACE

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PART I: INTRODUCTION

Background

- 1. Nott Island, comprising about 31 ha, is located 11.2 km upstream from the mouth of the Connecticut River along the eastern shore of the main channel. Nearly 17 ha is upland, consisting of a mosaic of shrublands, grasslands, and unvegetated sand. A large, nearly 12 ha, estuarine wetland covers the southern portion of the island. The remaining space is the diked disposal area chosen for the upland habitat development field site.
- 2. From the colonial period until the early 1950's, the island was used for agriculture, principally as an area for hay crops and cattle pasture. The first disposal took place in 1936, and since then has occurred eight more times. In 1968, Nott Island was acquired by the State of Connecticut as a hunting preserve, and since then it has been under the management of the Wildlife Division of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.
- 3. In February 1975, a sand dike enclosing the 3.1-ha site planned for the habitat development study was constructed in the north central portion of the island (Figure 1). The vegetation within the dike was primarily a switchgrass (Professor Vegetation) grassland, but also included a small black locust (Robinia Pseudo-Acacia) clone and other scattered trees. From February to April 1975 sandy dredged material was pumped into the disposal site. A view of the disposal site during filling is shown in Figure 2.

Previous Study

4. Prior to dredging and disposal, a detailed analysis of vegetation and a flora for the disposal area were prepared (Warren and Niering 1978). Preliminary small mammal trapping studies were conducted in

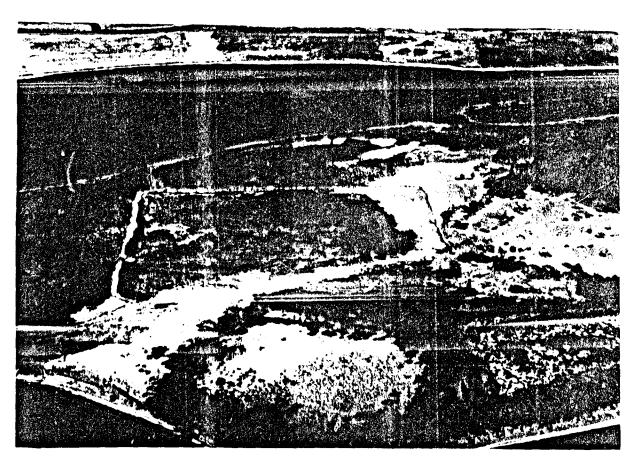


Figure 1. Oblique aerial view of Nott island after dike construction but before disposal operations



Figure 2. Ground view during initial stages of filling

September 1974 and again in March 1975, after the dike had been constructed but before the actual dredging operation had begun.

5. After disposal operations and during the spring and summer of 1975, a preliminary flora and vegetation map of the island was prepared. A breeding bird census was also taken and a year-round study of bird use of the island was initiated. From June to August 1975, the disposal site and other upland areas were intensively trapped for small mammals. The results of these initial studies have been presented in a previous report (Warren and Niering 1978).

Objectives

- 6. The primary purpose of this study was to develop a biotic description of Nott Island prior to the actual reclamation of the disposal site. This description would provide a baseline against which to monitor changes associated with the habitat development work. Field work, done in the summer of 1976, included census or sampling of vegetation, floristics, small mammals, and breeding birds, and observations of larger mammals and visiting birds. A small-scale microclimate study was also conducted in different vegetation types in order to compare temperature extremes and ranges.
- 7. A second objective was to establish and monitor experimental plots planted within the disposal area. This study sought to assess the success of establishment of different species of grass and legumes seeded under different levels of added lime.

PART II: DESCRIPTION OF VEGETATION PATTERNS ANIMAL POPULATIONS, AND MICROCLIMATES

Vegetation

Methodology

- 8. The vegetation map prepared by the authors in 1975 (Warren and Niering 1978) and aerial photographs at 1:1200 taken by the New England Division in late summer of 1975 provided the basis of information for the 1976 vegetation study. Preparation of the 1976 vegetation map involved three major steps. First, the 1976 map and aerial photos were used to pick out distinct units of vegetation. Second, these units were identified and quantified by ground truth reconnaissance and quadrat sampling. Third, the detail (Figure 3) given by the individual units was considered impractical for most applications so units were pooled into 14 vegetation associations and mapped.
- 9. For the quadrat sampling, a minimum of five circular 5-m diameter quadrats was located within each unit of vegetation determined from the aerial photos and 1975 map. A total of 974 quadrats was sampled for this study. Within each quadrat, species were identified and grouped by trees, shrubs and vines, and herbs. Additional information recorded for each quadrat included: coded estimated percent cover for each species; heights of trees, shrubs, and herb strata; soil texture and moisture; and disturbance and animal activity. Note was made of any species in flower and a specimen was taken for the flora collections.
- 10. In addition to the field work conducted from mid-June to mid-August for the 1976 mapping and quantification of vegetation, collection trips were made biweekly to Nott Islani throughout the early spring to obtain specimens of flowering plants. The inventories of plant species observed on Nott Island during 1975 and 1976 were combined into a master list (Appendix A').

Results

11. The 14 major veget at tone as a rations are mapped in Figure 4 and summarized on Table 1. The associations consist of eight upland types

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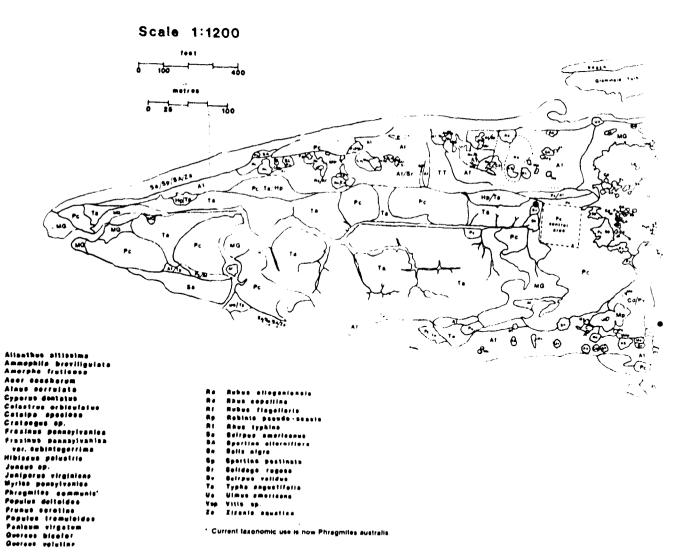
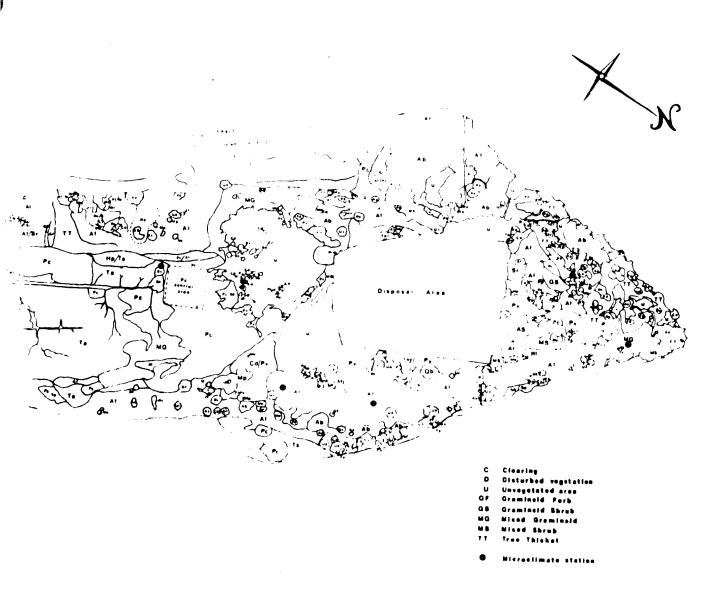


Figure 3. Detailed vegetation map of Nott !



Detailed vegetation map of Nott Island

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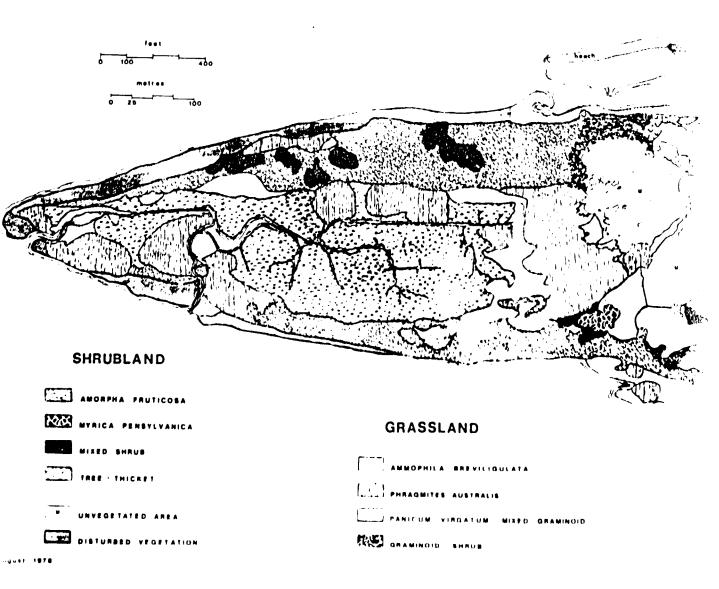
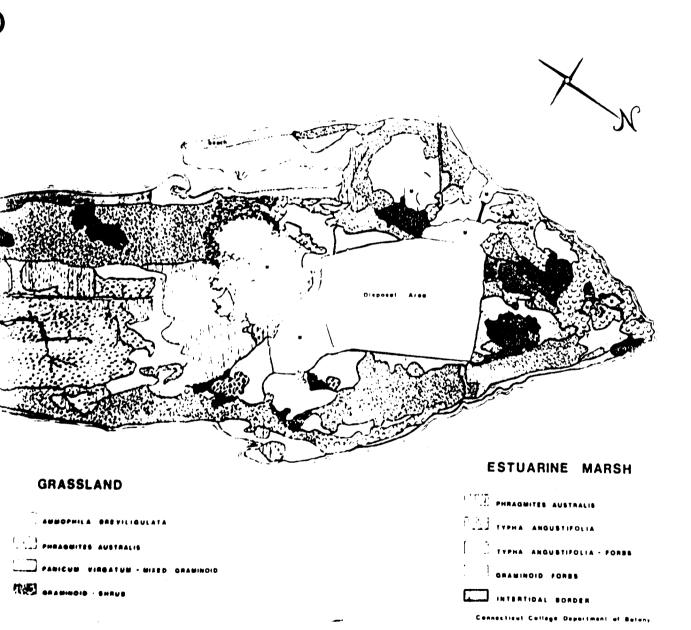


Figure 4. Generalized vegetation map of North



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Area and Percent Contribution of Major
Vegetation Associations of Nott Island

Vegetation Association	Total Area, ha	Percent of Total Area	Number of Quadrats
Shrublands	9.6	30.1	520
Amorgia fruticosa	6.5	20.4	299
Mixed shrub	1.4	4.4	96
Myrica pensylvanica	0.2	0.6	10
Tree-thicket	1.5	4.7	115
Grasslands	5.1	16.0	198
Ammophila breviligulata Panicum virgatum-Mixed	1.8	5.6	
graminoid	1.7	5.3	
Graminoid - Shrub	0.6	2.0	
Phragmites australis	1.0	3.1	
Estuarine wetlands	11.9	37.3	224
Typha angustifolia	4.4	13.8	69
Phragmites australis	3.3	10.3	65
Typha - Forb	0.8	2.5	13
Graminoid - Forb	1.5	4.7	43
Intertidal Border	1.9	6.0	34
Disturbed Vegetation	0.1	0.3	32
Disposal Site	3.1	9.7	0
Unvegetated Areas	2.1	6.6	0
Total	31.9	100.0	974

of shrublands and grasslands and five types of estuarine wetlands. The fourteenth association is defined as disturbed vegetation. In all, 253 species of plants were recorded on Nott Island. A description and analysis of each of the fourteen associations is given in the following sections. A map of soil types is given in Figure 5.

Shrubland Associations

Amorpha fruticosa

- three subtypes (Amorpha/Solidago, Amorpha wet phase, and Amorpha/Graminoid) and is the most extensive association on Nott Island, covering about 6.5 ha or 20 percent of the island's total area (Table 1).

 Amorpha shrubland occurs as an irregular 25- to 100-m-wide border above the intertidal zone along most of the eastern and western shores of the island (Figure 4). The association is characterized by thickets of dense indigo, 2 to 3 m tall, with the canopy providing 75 to 100 percent cover. The subtypes are distinguished by differences in the herbaccous layer, which in turn is largely a reflection of edaphic conditions. The Amorpha shrublands appear to represent the typical riparian vegetation on alluvial soils deposited on riverine islands such as Nott Island.

 Table 2 summarizes the quadrat for the three Amorpha subtypes and the following paragraphs describe each subtype.
- 13. Amorpha/Solidago. This is most extensive Amorpha subtype, covering most of the northern end of the island and a lobe extending to the southwest. The herbaceous cover is characterized by rough-edged goldenrod (Solidago rugosa), which was reported in 83 percent of the 191 quadrats sampled. Where it occurs, rough-edged goldenrod generally provides 25 to 50 percent of the herbaceous cover. Other herbs, which occurred in 20 percent or more of the 191 quadrats sampled, are common wintercress (Barbarea vulgaris), climbing false buckwheat (Polygonum scandens), wood-sage (Toucrium canadense), climbing hempweed (Mikania scandens), and pokeweed (Phytolagea americana). A variety of shrubs and vines also occur, particularly in the marginal areas, and include

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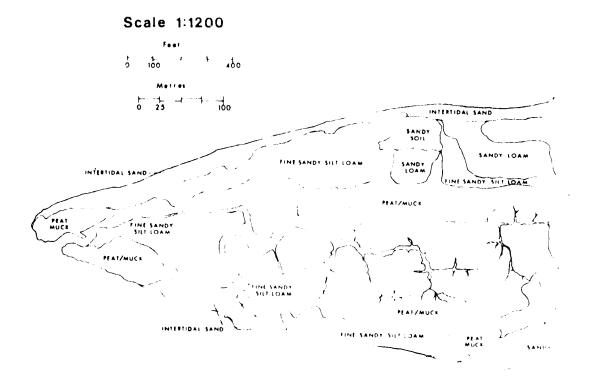


Figure 5. Soils

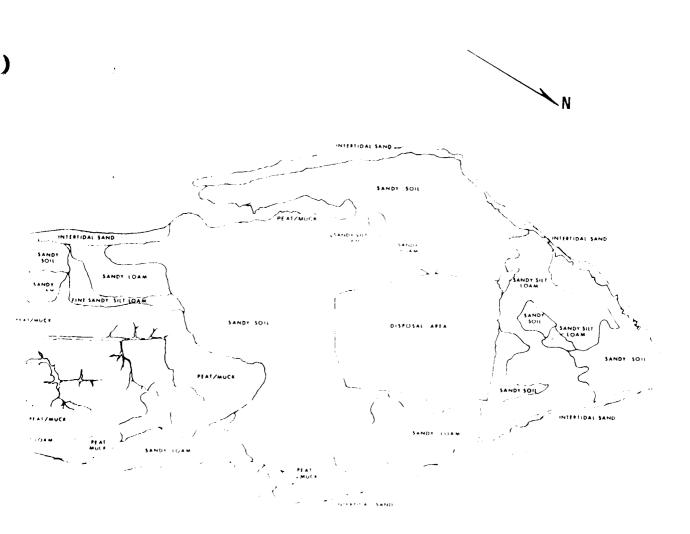


Figure 5. Soils map of Nott Island

Table 2 Summary of Quadrat Data for the Three Subtypes of Amorpha fruticosa Shrubland*

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Ailanthus altissima	Tree of heaven	17	9	3.9	0.4	2	3	5.0	0.1	0	O	0	
Ulmus americana	American elm	11	é	3.9	C.,	1	ĭ	3.0	0.1	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	
Fraximus pensylvanica	Red ash	3	2	2.3	• 0.1	0	٥	0	0	ŏ	ŏ	ŏ	
Juniperus virginiana	Red cedar	6	3	1.0	- 0.1	0	0	0	ō	4	11	2.3	
hrubs and Vines		191	100	5.7	5.7	70	97	5.4	5.2	36	100	5.4	
Amorpha fruticosa	False indigo	175	92	4.8	4.4	69	96	4.4	4.2	-			
Parthenocissus quinquefolis		77	40	2.0	0.8		96 13	1.8		33	92	4.2	
Celestrus obiculatus	Oriental bittersweet	73	30	3.4	1.5	9 17	13 24		0.2	. 5	14	1.8	-
Myrica pensylvanica	Bayberry	62	30	3.6		1/	6	2.9	0.2	16	14	2.1	· ·
Rhus radicans	Poison ivy	43	38 32 23	2.5	0.6	8		3.0	0.2	22	61	3.1	1
Rhus copallina	Shining same	42	23	3,2	0.8		11 6		0.3	11	31 44	3.7	
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lerbs		175	92	4.8	4.4	71	99	5.4	5.4	36	100	5.2	
Solidago rugosa	Rough-edged goldenrod	159	83	4.0	3.4	14	19	2.6	0.5	25	69	3.0	
Barbarea vulgaris	Common wintercress	97	51	2.2	1.1	29	4ó	2.0	0.8	25 6	17	0.2	Ċ
Polygonum scandens	Climbing false buckwheat	97	51	1.9	0.9	21	29	1.6	0.5	20	55	1.4	
Teucrium canadense	Wood-sage	63	33	3.3	1.1	36	50	3.0	1.5	15	ĺμź	2.3	Ċ
Mikania scandens	Climbing hemoweed	51	27	2.3	0.6	žı	29	1.6	0.5	- š	B	1.7	
Phytolacca americana	Pokeweed	140	21	2.1	0.4	7	10	1.6	0.2	ŏ	ò	o o	
Carex sp.	Sedge	16	- 8	2.5	0.2	27	36	3.0	1.1	14	17	5.0	- 0
Cirsium vulgare	Common thistle	55	12	1.6	0.2	Ö	Ö	Ö	Ö	10	28	1.9	
Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	0	0	0	0	Ó	ò	ō	ò	9	25	3.9	
Polygomm sagittatum	Arrow-leaved tearthumb	9	5	2.0	0.1	18	25	1.8	0.4	ó	-6	6	
Spartina pectinata	freshwater cordgrass	7	l.	2.0	0.1	7	10	2.4	0.2	Ğ	17	2.2	(
Juncus effusus	Boft rush	0	٥	0	0	ò	O	ò	0	6	17	3.0	
Impatiens capensis	Touch-me-knot	0	٥	0	0	32	44	1.6	0.7	ō	ö	0	
Piles pumils	Clearweed	8	4	2.1	0.1	18	25	3.0	0.7	ō	ŏ	ŏ	
Hibiscus palustris	Marsh mallow	0	0	0	0	22	31	2.9	0.3	ō	ŏ	ŏ	
Polygomas punctatum	Water smartweed	26	15	1.6	0.2	24	33	2.5	οŘ	ž	6	3.0	

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^{*} Only the more frequently occurring species are included. ** For coded percent cover, the following classes were used:

Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinque felia), oriental bittersweet (Celastrus orbiculatus), bayberry (Myrica pensylvanica), poison ivy (Rhus radicans), and shining sumac (Rhus copallina). The most common scattered trees within the subtype are the tree of heaven (Ailanthus altissima), American elm (Ulmus americana), and red cedar (Juniperus virginiana). Soils are variable but are predominantly sand or sandy loam covered with a layer of organic material.

- 14. Amorpha wet phase. Most of the eastern and western margins of the estuarine marsh are Amorpha wet phase, the second most extensive Amorpha subtype. The Amorpha wet phase is also found locally within areas of the Amorpha/Solidago subtypes. Shrub density is lower here than in the other two Amorpha subtypes: only oriental bittersweet was recorded. The herbaceous layer is lush and extremely diverse. Woodsage occurred in half of the quadrats studied and made up 25 percent of the cover in those quadrats. Other herbaceous species that occurred in nearly 30 percent or more of the quadrats are: touch-me-not (Impatiens capensis), common wintercress, sedge (Carex sp.), water smartweed (Polygonum punctuatum), marsh mallow (Hibiscus palustria), climbing hempweed, and climbing false buckwheat. Trees were reported in only 15 percent of the quadrats and were represented by only two species: tree of heaven and American elm. Wet phase Amorpha occurs most typically on dark, heavy wet, alluvial soil. To a lesser extent it is also found on wet sandy areas just above the intertidal zone.
- 15. Amorpha/Graminoid. The most limited of the Amorpha subtypes, the Amorpha/Graminoid is restricted to the northern end of the island where it has invaded red cedar associated clearings. These areas are usually fairly xeric. Several species occur within the shrub stratum. Besides indigo, bayberry, shining sumac, oriental bittersweet, and poison ivy were reported in 30 percent or more of the quadrats sampled. With the exception of oriental bittersweet those species made up nearly 25 percent of the cover in the quadrats in which they occurred. The herbaceous layer reflects the soil moisture conditions of the various sites. Rough-edged goldenrod and climbing false buckwheat were the most common species. In xeric areas, grasses such as switchgrass (Panicum

virgatum) and freshwater cordgrass (Spartina pectinata) are frequently encountered. At the more mesic sites, sedges became common. Trees were found in only 11 percent of the quadrats and red cedar was in all of these. Soils were typically dry and sandy. In the wetter areas soils were sandy but not of alluvial origin.

Mixed shrub

- 16. There are a variety of small, vegetationally distinct mixed shrubland areas that occur throughout Nott Island. Most are located north of the disposal area or along the southwestern upland arm. Four distinct subtypes are recognized within the mixed shrub association: shining sumac, dewberry (Rubus flagellaris), common alder (Alnus serrulata), and shrub-thicket. These four subtypes are described in the following paragraphs. Data for the mixed shrub association is given in Table 3 but is not broken out by subtypes. Trees were reported in less than half of the quadrats and contributed to about one percent of the cover. Herb species made up nearly 25 percent of the cover and occurred in 97 percent of the quadrats (Table 3).
- 17. Shining sumac. Areas dominated by shining sumac are most extensive on the southwestern upland arm within an Amorpha matrix. Scattered areas are also found north of the disposal site. In the shining sumac subtype, the shining sumac canopy is about 3 to 6 m high and makes up more than 50 percent of the cover. The only important shrub is indigo and only in the southern areas. Rough-edged goldenrod, about 1.5 m tall, is the dominant herb in the more mesic areas while a variety of graminoids are the most common herbs in the more xeric situations. Soil types are variable: to the south they tend to be sandy silt or sandy loam with a distinct layer of organic content and so are well drained.
- 18. <u>Dewberry</u>. There are two conspicuous dewberry areas on Nott Island. One is on the northeastern side of the disposal area between the alder wetland (described below) and dense *Amorpha* shrubland. The other site is southeast of the disposal area, and is more open, bordered along only on one side by *Amorpha*. Dewberry is found trailing along the ground, 5 to 25 cm high and, in these areas, contributes about 25 percent of the cover. Short indigo (1.5 m) is scattered within both

Table 3 Summary of Quadrat Data for the Mixed Shrub and Tree-Thicket Shrublands*

				Associat	ion and Num	ber of Quadr			
				quadrats		Tree-Thicket, 115 Quadrats			
			rener 16	Menn			ence in		Coded
			11.95	Cover, L	ensity**	Qued	rats	Cover, 1	Density*
Life Form and	Life Form and Species		Sempled, Frequency	in Which Present	For Total Samplea	Number in Which Present	Percent of Total Sampled, Frequency	For Quadrats in Which Present	For To! Sam;
		41	43	4.3	1.8	101	88	5.2	
Allanthus altissima	Tree of heaven	13	14	3.6	0.1	42	37	4.7	
funiperus virginiana	Red cedar	11	11	2.5	0.4	22	19	4.2	•
.uercus velutina	Black oak	6	6	3.7	0.2	7	é	3.1	0.
Robinia pseudo-acacia	Black locust	0	0	O	0	12	10	4.4	0.1
Jimus americana	American elm	0	o	Ö	ō	14	12	4.2	0.1
Fractinus pensylvanica	Red ash	0	0	0	0	9	8	4.9	ō. ·
Salix spp.	Willow	0	0	0	0	9	- B	4.5	0.6
Prumus serotina	Wild black cherry	14	14	4.0	0.2	ģ	8	4.3	0.
rubs and Vines		96	100	5.8	5.8	115	100	5.8	
Amorpha fruticosa	False indigo	84	88	3.7	3.2	81	70	3.6	2.4
Celastrus orbiculatus	Oriental bittersweet	60	63	3.5	2.2	99	86	4.1	3.1
Rhus copallina	Shining sumac	46	48	3.7	1.8	<u>í</u>	11	2,5	ő.
Myrica pensylvanica	Bayberry	46 34 32 30	35	3.1	1.1	30	26	3.5	o.
Rhus radicans	Poison ivy	32	33	2.7	0.9	55	48	3.3	1.7
Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia creeper	30	31	2.1	0.7	75	65	2.4	1.7
Tubus flagellaris	Dewberry	13	14	4.8	0.7	źĹ,	21	2.9	ō.+
Alnus serruiats	Common alder	Ğ	6	4.8	0.2	0	ō	0	Ö
rtin		93	97	3.8	3.7	96	83	3.5	2.1
3-lidago rugosa	Rough-edged goldenrod	66	69	3.5	2.4	5 7	50	2.7	1.1
Iclygorum scandens	Climbing false buckwheat	34	35	2.0	0.7	25	22	2.6	0.4
'a ex spp.	Sedge	50	21	3.1	0.6	12	10	2.4	0.3
Paricum virgatum	Switchgrass	20	21	2.0	0.4	25	22	2.3	0.
Opertina pectinata	Freshwater cordgrass	12	1 -	1.1	0.2	ó	-0	-63	o.
anlow clandestimm	Panic grass	20	30	2.2	0.7	26	23	2.3	0.
Column Dulcamara	Nightshade	- i	í	2.0	< 0.1	22	19	1.8	o.

y the more frequently occurring species are included.

dewberry areas. Rough-edged goldenrod and xeric graminoids also occur. Soils tend to be dry and quite sandy.

- 19. Common alder. There is a dense thicket of alder north of the disposal area and just east of the center of the island. Multi-stemmed, 4- to 6-m tall alders make up 100 percent of the cover except along the margins of the stand. Here, indigo and bayberry are important shrub associates. Total herbaceous cover is 40 to 60 percent in the margins and decreases toward the center of the thicket. Sedges and grasses are the most common herbs but no one species is clearly dominant. The water table is at or near the surface and soils are wet or moist sandy loam covered by 5 cm of organic matter.
- 20. Shrub-thicket. Areas of shrub-thicket occur within the Amorpha association of the southwestern arm and in shrubland mosaic north of the disposal site. The dominant species in the shrub-thicket subtype areas varies but the commonly found shrubs include oriental bittersweet, indigo, shining sumac, poison ivy, and bayberry. Trees occur in about 40 percent of the quadrats in this subtype with tree of heaven and red cedar being the most common. The herbaceous layer is dominated by rough-edged goldenrod and panic grass (Panicum clandestinum). Soils are extremely variable and cannot be generalized.

Myrica pensylvanica

- 21. There are six large, pure clones of payberry (1 to 2 m in height) on Nott Island and these are designated as a separate vegetation unit. They occur at the borders of the grasslands and the mixed shrub association. There are virtually no associated species within the dense centers of these areas and they exhibit a remarkable ability to withstand tree invasion. Vegetation along the margins of the bayberry area is highly variable, relfecting the surrounding vegetation associations. Tree-thicket
- 22. The tree -thicket association is extensive along the north-western shore of Nott Island also occurs along an area of shore due east of the disposal area (Figure 4). Quadrat data for the tree-thicket areas is given in Table 3. Vegetationally these areas are characterized by well-established trees, most of which are typically floodplain species.

These include American elm, ash (Fraxinus sp.), and willow (Salix sp.). Other typically floodplain species of trees that were observed in the areas but were not included in the quadrat samples are cottonwood (Populus deltoides), black gum (Nyassa sylvatica), and silver maple (Acer saccharinum). The most frequently occurring tree was tree of heaven, which was reported in 37 percent of the quadrats (Table 3). Other commonly encountered tree species are red cedar, black cherry (Prunus serotina), and black locust (Robinia Pseudo-Acacia). The black cherry is indicative of the old field/postagricultural nature of the island.

23. Although there is considerable diversity in the shrub stratum, false indigo and three woody vines (oriental bittersweet, virginia creeper, and poison ivy) occur most frequently. The herbaceous cover is greatly reduced because vines occupy much of the herb stratum. Roughedged goldenrod is most common and occurred in half of the quadrats (Table 3). Switchgrass and panic grass also occur commonly, but in clumps and so do not contribute much to overall cover.

Grassland Associations

Ammophila breviligulata

24. Areas of this grassland occupy what appear to be sandy dredged material from previous disposal operations and occur only on the northern half of Nott Island (Figure 4). Although the density of its cover varies, the beach grass (Ammophila breviligulata) is nearly pure; other herbs are found only along the margins and are characteristic of the adjoining vegetation association. Lichens (Cladonia sp.) are fairly common. Shrubs are scattered, usually in depressions, and often appear stunted. The most common shrubs are shining sumac, poison ivy, and bayberry. Trees rarely occur and only along the margins. Quadrat data are given in Table 4.

Panicum virgatum - mixed graminoid

25. Areas of this grassland occur around the disposal site, primarily on the eastern half of Nott Island (Figure 4). Soils are dry and sandy with little organic content and probably result from

Table 4
Summary of Quadrat Data for All Four Grassland Associations Combined*

			rence in Madrats	Mean C Cover, De	
Life Form an	d Species	Number in Which Present	Percent of Total	For Quadrats in Which Present	For
Trees		25	13	3.6	0.4
Ailanthus altissima Juniperus virginiana Ulmus americana Quercus velutina	Tree of heaven Red cedar American elm Black oak	12 5 4 3	6 3 2 2	3.5 2.4 3.5 2.7	0.2 0.1 0.1
Shrubs					
Amorpha fruticosa Celastrus orbiculatus Rhus copallina Myrica pensylvanica Rosa spp. Rhus radicans Rhus typhina	False indigo Oriental bittersweet Shining sumac Bayberry Rose, blackberry Poison ivy Staghorn sumac	87 47 45 38 24 23 22	44 24 23 19 12 12	2.9 2.9 2.7 2.8 2.5 2.3 2.2	1.3 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.3
Herbs		198	100	5.8	5.8
Panicum virgatum Ammophila breviligulata Panicum clandestinum Spartina pectinata Solidago rugosa Oenothera parvifolia Carex spp. Leptoloma cognitum Verbascum Thapsis Cyperus dentatus Phragmites australis Agropyron repens Achillia Millefolium	Switchgrass Beachgrass Panic grass Freshwater cordgrass Rough-edged goldenrod Evening primrose Sedge Fall witch-grass Common mullein Umbrella-sedge Common reed Witch-grass Common yarrow	104 69 70 61 85 34 26 21 21 18 18	52 35 35 31 43 17 13 11 11 9 9	3.2 4.8 3.7 2.8 1.5 3.1 1.7 3.5 2.1	1.7 1.7 1.8 0.8 1.2 0.5 0.5 0.7 0.7 0.7

^{**} For coded percent cover, the following classes were used:

- 1%	Cover	=	Class	1
1-5%		=		2
5-25%		=		3
25 - 50%		=		4
50-75%		=		5
75-100%		=		6

old dredged material. Switchgrass, the dominant species, grows to 1 to 1½ m high. Other common herbaceous species include panic grass, umbrella sedge, freshwater cordgrass, rough-edged goldenrod, and clumps of reedgrass (*Phragmites australis*) and beach grass. Shrubs are not important in this grassland. Dewberry is sometimes found as a ground cover between tussocks of switchgrass. Poison ivy and shining sumac occur as widely scattered individuals and small clumps, and indigo is found along the margins. Trees rarely occur, but there are a few scattered American elm, tree of heaven, and black oak (*Quercus velutina*).

Graminoid -- shrub

The largest area of this grassland lies southwest of the disposal site and forms a transition zone 20 to 50 m wide between unvegetated sand and the Amorpha fruticosa shrubland association (Figure 4). Smaller patches are found southeast and north of the disposal site. In most of the areas shrub cover appears to be increasing over grass cover. The shrub stratum is typically discontinuous, covering about 50 percent of the areas while grasses cover about 80 percent. Floristically, this association is quite variable with some species occurring in only a few The most widespread grasses are switchgrass and freshwater cordgrass with panic grass, beach grass, and witch grass as important associates. The dominant herb is rough-edged goldenrod, although evening primrose (Oenothera parvifolia) and sedge are also frequently encountered. The shrub layer is characterized by shining sumac, poison ivy, and indigo. Other, less frequently occurring shrubs are bayberry and oriental bittersweet. Trees, red cedar and tree of heaven, are few and scattered.

Phragmites australis

27. Reedgrass appears on Nott Island in two different associations, grassland (dry phase) and estuarine wetland (wet phase), but the two are not differentiated on the vegetation map (Figure 4). The dry phase occurs on relatively dry upland sites along the upper border of the wet phase in a belt about 25 to 50 m wide, and is less extensive than the wet phase. It also occurs in a narrow 2- to 40-m belt along the upland edge of the head of the western inlet. The dry phase reedgrass generally

forms a monoculture, 2 to 3 m in height, but at its northernmost extension into the dry, sandy, unvegetated central area of the island, it becomes increasingly stunted and is less than a meter high in places.

Where the dry phase borders the Amorpha fruticosa shrubland, additional species are associated with the reedgrass, including rough-edged goldenrod.

Estuarine Wetland Associations

Typha angustifolia

- 28. The Typha angustifolia association covers 4.4 ha, or nearly 14 percent of Nott Island (Table 1). It is the most extensive wetland association and the second most extensive of the vegetation types on Nott Island. This association occurs in the tidally flooded expanse between the southwest and southeast arms of the Amorpha fruticosa shrubland (Figure 4). There, stands of narrow-leaved cattail (Typha angustifolia) are relatively pure, provide nearly 100 percent coverage, and are 2.0 to 2.5 m high in the interior of the marsh and 1.5 m high along creek banks. Within the marsh the monoculture is broken only by occasional clumps of marsh mallow. Along creek banks a variety of aquatics occur in association with narrow-leaved cattail including water hemp (Acnida cannabina), arrow arum (Peltandra virginica), and stinkweed (Pluchea purpurascens). Additional wetland herbs are limited to forage areas surrounding muskrat houses. Where the Typha wetland association borders the Phragmites wetland association, the reedgrass appears to be invading the cattails. Quadrat data are given in Table 5. Phragmites australis
- 29. Extensive areas of the wet phase association of reedgrass occur at the southern end of Nott Island and as a border along the northern head of the central marsh. Additional areas are scattered within the *Typha angustifolia* association and other tidally influenced sites on the southern two-thirds of the island. Most of these islands appear to be spreading into the surrounding wetland types. In its wet phase, reedgrass occurs in very dense stands, reaching heights of 4.5 m in the central sections and up to 3 m along tidal creeks and ditches. Associated

Table " Summary of Quairat Lata for Estumine Wetlant Associations.

			rence in drats	Mean Co Cover, De	
Life Form and	Species	Number in Which Fresent	Percent of Total Sumpled, Frequency	For Quadrats in Which Present	For Total Sample
:	a. Typhus angustifolia	i, 69 qua îr	ats		
Shrubs		9	1.3	2.0	0.3
Amorpha fruticesa	False indigo	9	1.3	2.0	0.3
Herbs		69	100	6.0	6.0
Typha angustifolia	Narrow-leaved cattail	69	LOO	5.5	5.5
Mikinia scandens	Climbing hempweed	36	52	1.5	0.8
Polygonum punctatum	Water-smartweed	36	52	1.7	0.5
Hibiscus palustris	Marsh mallow	32	<u>146</u>	3.1	1.4
Peltandra virginica	Arrow arum	28	41	2.7	1.1
Pluchea purpurascens	Stinkweed	55	32	1.7	0.6
Scirpus americanus	Three-square	18	26		
Galium spp.	Bedstraw		21	3.4	0.9
		15		1.9	0.4
Ptilimnium capillaceum	Mock bishop's weed	14	20	1.9	0.4
Eleocharis spp.	Spike-rush	13	19	3.4	0.6
Phragmites sustralis	Common reed	13	19	1.7	0.3
Impatiens capensis	Touch-me-not	14	20	1.4	0.3
Lophotocarpus spongiosus	Hooded arrowhead	7	10	1.5	0.1
Spartina pectinata	Freshwater cordgrass	1.	l	1.0	< 0.1
Cicuta bulbifera	Water-hemlock	3	4	1.0	< 0.1
Lycopus americanus	Bugleweed	5	7	1.8	0.1
<u>!</u>	b. Phragmites australi	s, 65 Quad	rats		
Shrubs		20	31	3.2	1.0
Amorpha fruticosa	False indigo	20	31	3.2	1,0
Herbs	-	65	100	5.8	5.8
Typha angustifolia	Narrow-leaved cattail	17	26	2.	0.6
Mikania Bcandens	Climbing hempweed	37	57	1.8	1.0
Polygonum punctatum	Water-smartweed	20	ว์เ	1.7	0.5
Hibiscus palustris	Marsh mallow	20	31	2.7	0.8
Peltandra virginica	Arrow arum	28	4ีจิ	2.0	0.9
Pluchea purpurascens	Stinkweed	5	7	1.6	0.1
Scirpus americanus	Three-square	5	7	3.0	0.2
Galium spp.	Bedstraw	13	20	1.7	0.3
Ptilimnium capillaceum	Mock bishop's weed	11	17	1.5	0.3
	Spike-rush	9	14	•	- •
Eleochanic spp. Phragmites australia	Common reed	65	100	3.1	0.4
Impatiens capensis	Touch-me-not		38	5.8	5.8
		25		2.4	0.9
Acnida cannabina	Water-hemp	.3	5	1.0	0.1
	Spiked loosestrife	15	23	1.8	0.4
Lythrum Salicaria		3	5	1.7	0.1
Lythrum Salicaria Lycopus americanus	Bugleweed				
Lythrum Salicaria	Bugleweed Switchgrass	ŕ	10	3.3	C.14

Table 5 (Continued)

			mence in druts	Merun Cover, I	Coded Sensity
			Percent of	For	ensicy
		Number	Total	Quadrats	For
		in which	Sampled	in Which	Total
Life Form and	Species	Present	Frequency	Present	Sampled
	c. Typha Forb, 13	Quadrats			
	<u>c. 191mm 10.0, 15</u>				_
Shrubs		3	27	2.7	0.6
Amorpha fruticosa	False indigo	3	53	2.7	0.6
Herbs		13	100	5.8	5.8
Typha angustifolia	Narrow-leaved cattail	10	77	4.1	3.2
Mikania scandens	Climbing hempweed	9	69	1.7	1.2
Polygonum punctatum	Water-smartweed	9	69	2.1	1.5
Hibiscus palustris	Marsh mallow	14	31	3.5	1.1
Feltandra virginica	Arrow arum	6	46	2.3	1.1
Pluchea purpurascens	Stinkweed	9	69	1.4	1.0
Scirpus americanus	Three-square	8	62	3.1	1.9
Galium spp.	Bedstraw	3	23	2.7	0.6
Ptilimnium capillaceum	Mock bishop's weed	2	15	1.0	0.2
Eleocharis spp.	Spike-rush	8	62	4.2	2.6
Phragmites australia	Common reed	14	31	1.8	0.5
Impatiens capenais	Touch-me-not	5	38	1.4	0.5
Lophotocarpus spongiosus	Hooded arrowhead	3	23	1.3	0.3
Spartina pectinata	Freshwater cordgrass	2	15	2.0	0.3
Scirpus validus	Great bulrush	1	8	3.0	0.2
Zizania aquatica	Wild rice	1	8	5.0	0.4
Cicuta bulbifera	Water-hemlock	2	15	4.0	0.6
Acnida cannabina	Water-hemp	3	23	1.0	0.1
Juncus acuminatus	Rush	ž	23	2.3	0.5
Lythrum Salicaria	Spiked loosestrife	9	69	2.3	1.6
Lycopus americanus	Bugleweed	ઉ	23	1.0	0.2
	d. Graminoid-	Forb			
Shrubs		1,	9	1.3	0.1
Amorpha fruticosa	False indigo	4	9	1.3	0.1
Herbs		43	100	5.9	5.9
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Typha angustifolia	Narrow-leaved cattail	19	1414	2.9	1.3
Mikania scandens	Climbing hempweed	14	3 3	1.4	0.5
Polygonum punctatum	Water-smartweed	20	47	2.2	1.0
Hibiscus palustris	Marsh mallow	12	28	2.7	0.7
Peltandra virginica	Arrow arum	7	16	2.1	0.3
Pluchea purpurascens	Stinkweed	29	67	2.4	1.6
Scirpus americanus	Three-square	3 ₁ +	79	3 .5	2.8
Galium spp.	Bedstraw	14	33	2.4	0.8
Ptilimnium capillaceum	Mock bishop's weed	17	40	2.6	1.0
Eleocharis spp.	Spike-rush	33	77	3.6	2.7
Phragmites australis	Common reed	11	26	2.4	0.6
Lophotocarpus spongiosus	Hooded arrowhead	31	72	2.5	0.9
Spartina pectinata	Freshwater cordgrass	20	47	2.9	1.3
Scirpus validus	Great bulrush	15	35	3.3	1.1
Zizania aquatica	Wild rlce	10	23	2.7	0.6
Cicuta bulbifera	Water-hemlock	9	51	1.3	0.3
Acnida cannabina	Wn*+r-hemp	9	21	1.Ì	0.2
Juncus acuminatus	Ruph	8	19	3.1	0.6
Lythrum Salicaria	Spiked loorestrif:	7	16	1.6	y. •

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Table 5 (Concluded)

		Occurrence in Quadrats Percent of		Mean Coded Cover, Density For	
Life Form and Species		Number in Which Present	Total Sampled Frequency	Quadrats in Which Present	For Total Sampled
	d. Graminoid-Forb	(continued	3)		
Lycopus americanus Panicum virgatum	Bugleweed Switchgrass	2	5	1.0 5.6	< 0.1 0.4
Scirpus robustus	Bulrush	3 2	7 5	1.0	0.5
	e. Intertidal	Border			
Shrubs		2	6	1.5	0.1
Amorpha fruticosa	False indigo	2	Ę	1.5	0.1
Herbs		33	97	5.6	5.4
Typha angustifolia Mikania scandens	Narrow-leaved cattail	5	15	2.8	0.4
Polygonum punctatum	Climbing hempweed Water-smartweed	5 7	15 21	1.2 1.7	0.2 0.4
Peltandra virginica	Arrow arum	10	29	1.2	0.4
Pluchea purpurascens Scirpus americanus	Stinkweed Three-square	23 32	68 94	2.1 4.1	1.4 3.9
Eleocharis spp.	Spike-rush	15	44	3.0	1.3
Phragmites australis	Common reed	15	44	2.9	1.3
Lophotocarpus spongiosus Spartina pectinata	Hooded arrowhead Freshwater cordgrass	12 23	35 68	1.5 3.5	0.8 2.4
Scirpus validus	Great bulrush	5 8	15	2.8	0.4
Zizania aquatica Acnida cannabina	Wild rice	8 8	54	3.4	0.8
Lythrum Saliceria	Water hemp Spiked loosestrife	7	24 21	1.1 1.6	0.3 0.3
Spartina alterniflora	Saltwater cordgrass	2	6	2.5	0.1
Panicum virgatum Scirpus robustus	Switchgrass Bulrush	12 6	35 18	2.5 1.3	0.9 0.3

herbaceous species rarely occur, but are generally within 2 to 3 m of the edge of the reedgrass stands. These species include marsh mallow, touchme-not, arrow arum, water smartweed, and narrow-leaved cattail. At the higher and more isolated areas of the larger reedgrass stands, climbing hempweed and indigo occur with up to 50 percent cover. These are probably relic areas because reedgrass appears to invading the bordering Amorpha fruticosa shrubland as well as other adjacent wetland associations. Quadrat data are given in Table 5.

Tupha - Forb

- 30. There are four cattail dominated areas of wetland on Nott Island in which a variety of forbs and grasses make a substantial contribution to the vegetation. These areas are recognized as a distinct association. The most common species occurring with cattail in this association are bulrush (Scirpus americanus), sikerush (Elocharis sp.), water smartweed, stinkweed, and arrow arum (Table 5). Spiked loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria), an introduced species, and climbing hempweed are found on higher, often sandier sites. Isolated clumps of marsh mallow also occur.
- 31. Two areas of Typha-Forb lie along the island's eastern shore and a third in the inlet formed by the sand spit beach on the western side of the island. The fourth area, at the northwestern corner of the central Typha augustifolia wetland, may represent older muskrat forage areas that are sufficiently open to favor a greater diversity of aquatic plants than can be found in dense stands of cattail.

Graminoid - Forb

32. These low wetlands are widely scattered through Nott Island's tidal marshes. They are found in protected areas behind the mouth of the two southern tidal creeks and in an irregular band at the head of the central marsh where it separates Typha augustifolia wetland from Phragmites australis wetland (Figure 4). Another extensive area occurs along protected shores of the embayment formed by the western sand spit beach. The soils in the graminoid - forb association are typically very wet muck; in the embayment area, varying amounts of sand are also present. Floristically, this association is extremely diverse but only bulrush,

spikerush, hooded arrowhead (Lophotocarpus spongiosus), and stinkweed occurred in more than 50 percent of the 'ampled quadrats (Table 5). Other plants that are commonly found or that dominate in places include freshwater cordgrass, water smartweed, narrow-leaved cattail, mock bishop's weed (Ptilimnium capillaceum), soft-stemmed bulrush (Scirpus validus), wild rice (Zizania aquatica), and rushes (Juncus acuminatus). Intertidal border

33. The southern half of the western and eastern shores and areas along the northeastern shore support a distinct association on a sandy, alluvial substrate (Figure 4). Approximately half of the total cover is contributed by bulrush, which occurred in 94 percent of the quadrats sampled. Freshwater cordgrass is also widespread and provided about 35 percent of the cover in the quadrats in which it occurred (Table 5). Saltwater cordgrass (Spartina alterniflora) and wild rice are common at the southern end of the island and combine to give about 20 percent of the total cover within the intertidal border there. Commonly associated forbs are water hemp and stinkweed. Common graminoids are panic grass and reedgrass.

Disturbed Vegetation Association

34. There are four strips of land radiating from the northwestern and northeastern sides of the disposal area that were subjected to heavy equipment traffic during the disposal operation. This disturbance opened the sites, and several species became established. Most common of these invaders are sedges, pigweed (Chenopodium sp.), and evening primrose. Rough-edged goldenrod and panic grass are also common. The balance of the floristic composition of the disturbed areas reflects the vegetation established before disposal and cannot be generalized.

Small Mammals

Methodology

35. The areas bordering the disposal site were divided into five

trapping grids: Northeast, Northwest, East, West, and South (Figure 6). The boundaries of the Northeast, Northwest, and West grids all extended to the shore of the island. The boundaries of both the East and South grids were arbitrarily decided upon considering both the time and number of traps available.

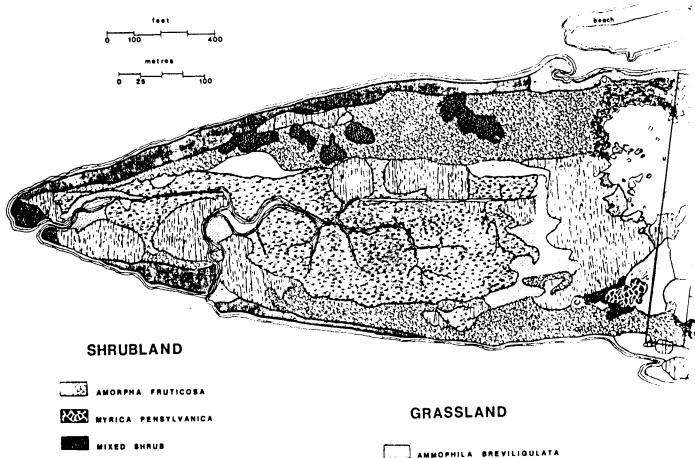
36. Each grid was laid out in 15-m squares by a team of three individuals using a 30-m tape and hand compass. Trap stations were established on the intersections of the squares. The grid areas and number of traps per grid were:

Grid	Area, ha	Number of Traps
Northeast	2.16	95
Northwest	1.58	67
East	2.02	93
West	2.55	120
South	2.07	101
	10.38	476

- 37. One Sherman live trap was set at each station and baited with dry oatmeal. All traps were checked twice daily from approximately 8:30 11:00 am and again from 1:00 3:00 pm for seven consecutive days. Grids were run sequentially from 1 June to 2 August. All traps were inspected periodically to check bait and working mechanisms.
- 38. For each animal caught, species, weight, sex, and reproductive condition were recorded. Each animal was marked using the toe clip system described by Davis (1956). Since this system allows a maximum of 160 animals to be marked without repeating numbers, an ear clipping system was used in addition.
- 39. In order to determine mammal species distribution by habitat, the percent cover by species of all vegetation within a 1-m radius of each trap station was recorded. This information along with that from the 1976 vegetation map of Nott Island were used to classify each trap location according to the 14 major vegetation associations shown on the 1976 map. A chi-square analysis was applied to test whether each small mammal species was randomly distributed throughout all habitats (i.e.

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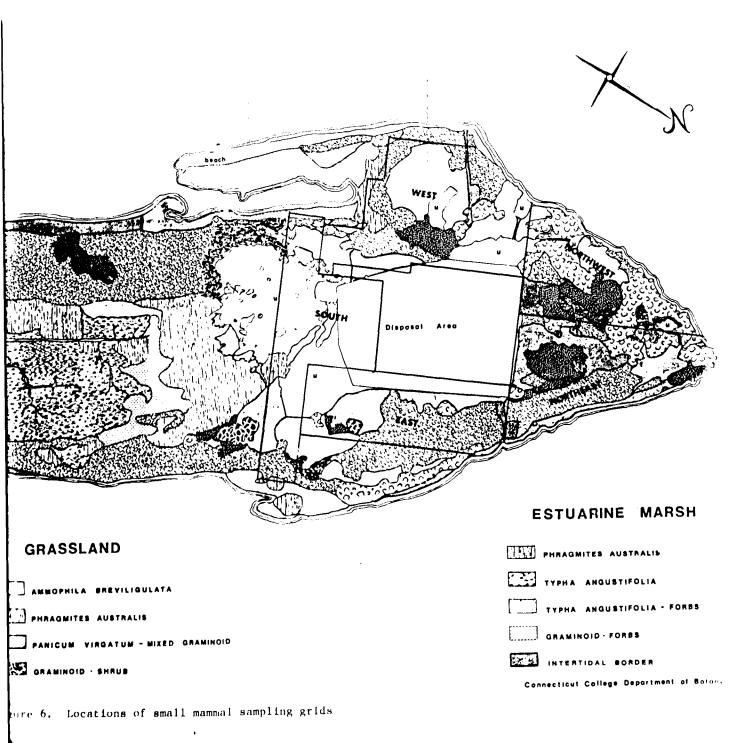
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Figure 6. Locations of small mammal sampling



showed no habitat preference).

Results

- 40. Species abundance. Three small mammal species were caught: meadow vole (Microtus pennsylvanicus), meadow jumping mouse (Zapus hudsonius), and short-tailed shrew (Blarina brevicauda). The actual number of captures and recaptures for each species is given in Table 6. Population sizes were estimated by the Schnabel technique (Schnabel 1938) and are given with density figures and species ratios by grids in Table 7.
- 41. The meadow vole was the most abundant species on all grids except the South. Their average density varied from 12.9 to 66.1 per ha with the highest population in the Northwest grid. Studies of meadow vole populations in the northeastern United States show that densities vary seasonally and fluctuate cyclically, apparently on a 4-yr cycle (Hamilton 1937 and Krebs et al. 1973). Assessment of meadow vole populations on Nott Island must, therefore, take into account their variable nature.
- 42. Meadow jumping mice were caught in greatest numbers on the West grid (Table 6), but the population estimate indicated that their greatest density (44.8/ha) was on the South grid (Table 7). The lowest density for this species occurred on the Northwest grid (5.1/ha). It was noteworthy that the greatest density of meadow jumping mice was in the grid containing the lowest density of meadow voles, and similarly, the lowest density of jumping mice occurred where meadow voles were most abundant. It was not known if this situation was due to interspecific interactions, differences in habitat, or to some other factor. Reports in the literature for average densities of meadow jumping mice indicate that their numbers vary seasonally and annually (Blair 1940a, Quimby 1951). The densities determined for meadow jumping mice on Nott Island were consistent with those reported in the literature.
- 43. Few short-tailed shrews were caught: the most, 6, were caught in the West grid and none were caught in the Northeast grid (Table 6).

^{*} Nomenclature follows that of Jones et al. (1975).

Table 6

Summary, by Grids, of Total Number of Captures and Recaptures of Small Mammals, Nott Island, 1976

		Meadow vol	e	Meadow	jumping mo	use	Short	-tailed shr	ew	Total
Grid	Number Captured	Number Recaptured	Total	Number Captured	Number Recaptured	Total	Number Captured	Number Recaptured	Total	Captured and Recaptured
rtheast	56	49	105	28	68	96	0	0	0	201
rthwest	84	68	152	8	7	15	3	0	3	170
¥.	47	116	163	27	17	44	3	0	3	210
чt	73	108	181	38	67	105	6	3	9	295
o th	31	77	108	24	3	27	2	0	2	137
tal, all grids			709			287			17	1013

e: see text for number of traps and dates.

Table 7

Summary, by Grids, of Population Estimates, Densities, and Percent Composition

for the Three Small Mammal Species, 1976

		Meadow v		Meadow jump	ing mouse	Short-taile	d shrew	Percen	t Compos	sition
	_	Population	Density	Population	Density	Population	Density	_ by e	ach spec	cies
i <u>d</u>	Area	Estimate	No./ha	Estimate	No./ha	Estimate	No./ha	<u>Vole</u>	Mouse	Shrew
rtheast	2.16	46.6	21.6	27.6	12.8	0*	-	62.8	37.2	0
rthwest	1.58	104.5	66.1	8.0	5.1	3*	-	92.9	7.1	0
st	2.02	. 39.2	19.4	38.6	19.1	3*	-	50.4	49.6	0
, t	2.55	65.2	25.6	37.7	14.8	76.67	2.6	59.5	34.4	6.1
it h	2.07	26.8	12.9	92.7	44.8	2*	-	22.4	77.6	J
en Den siti	t s		29.1		19.3		2.6			

ther actually caught when too few were trapped for a reliable population estimate.

There were enough recaptures to estimate the population density in the West grid at 2.6/ha. This appears to be consistent with densities reported for short-tailed shrews (Blair 1940c, Wetzel 1958).

- 44. <u>Sex composition</u>. Behavioral differences between the sexes are known to interact with age and breeding condition to influence the trappability of small mammals (Smith et al. 1975). Hence the sex composition observed on Nott Island must take into account that all trapping was done during the summer months.
- 45. The sex composition for the population of captured meadow voles was 62 percent male and 38 percent female, or a male:female ratio of 1.6. For comparison, other male:female ratios of meadow voles reported in the literature are 1.3 (Blair 1940b), 2.3 (Townsend 1935), 0.7 and 2.3 in an old field situation (Getz 1960), and 0.7 and 1.5 in a marsh (Getz 1960).
- 46. For jumping mice, the sex composition of captures on Nott Island was 56 percent male and 44 percent female, for a male:female ratio of 1.3. In comparison, Blair (1940a) reports a ratio of 1.1 and Townsend (1935) a ratio of 1.6.
- 47. The sex ratio for short-tailed shrews on Nott Island was 0.7 (40 percent male and 60 percent female). However, most studies in the literature report a preponderance of males for this species (Dapson 1968). The disagreement may in part be due to the relatively small numbers of shrews caught in this study and possible error in sexing the animals.
- 48. <u>Habitat use</u>. Table 8 summarizes the number of small mammal captures and recaptures as to the habitat (vegetation association) in which they occurred. The results of chi-square analyses indicated that both the meadow vole and the meadow jumping mouse were evenly distributed in the three major habitats of shrubland, grassland, and wetland (i.e., the porportion of captures in each of the three major habitats agreed with what would be expected based on the frequency of traps: for voles χ^2 = .75, df = 2, P < .750; for mice χ^2 = 2.46, df = 2, P < .500). In contrast, short-tailed shrews were not evenly distributed in the three major habitats and were found at a higher percentage than expected in the wetland habitat (χ^2 = 79.58, df = 2, P < .005). Lack

Table 8
Summary, by Mabitat of Total Captures of
Small Mammals, Mott Island, 1976

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	Number of	Meadow			mping mouse	Short-tai	led shrew
Habitat	Trap Nights	Number Captures	Catch/ Trap Night	Number Captures	Catch/ Trap Night	Number Captures	Catch/ Trap Nigh
Shrublands							
Amorpha fruticosa	1400	194	0.14	102	0.07	· 3	< 0.01
Mixed shrub	392 ·	42	0.11	16	0.04	. 0	. 0
Myrica peneylvanica	454	10	8.06	17	0.11	• • •	0
Tree - thicket Subtotal	728 2674 (40.1)	106 352(49.	6) 0.13	$\frac{12}{147(51.5)}$	2) 0.02	3 6(35.3)	< 0.01
Grasslands							
Ammophila breviligula	rta 1190	145	0.12	54	0.05	1	< 0.01
Panioum virgatum - Mixed Graminoid	924	115	0.12	69	0.07	0	0
Graminoid - Shrub	168	33	0.20	5	0.03	2	0.01
Phragmites australis	0	0	0	0		0	0
Subtotal	2282 (34.2)	293(41.	3) 0.13	128(44.	6) 0.06	3(17.6)	< 0.01
Estuarine wetlands							
Typha arquetifolia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phragmites australis	168	25	0.15	5	0.03	7	0.04
Typha - Forb	14	2	0.14	0	0	0	0
Graminoid - Forb	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	•
Intertidal border	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	182(2.7)	27 (3.	8) 0.15	5(1.7	0.03	7(41.2)	0.04
Disturbed vegetation	140 (2.1)	25 (3.	5) 0.18	5(1.7) 0.04	0	0
Disposal Site	532 (8.0)	11 (1.	6) 0.02	0	0	0	0
Unvogstated Areas	854 (12.8)	1 (0.	/) <0.01	2(0.7	(0.01	1	<0.01
Total	6664	109	9.11	287	0.04	17(5.9)	<0.01

Note: Mumbers in parentheses are percentages of trap nights and of number of catches per habitat

of adequate vegetative cover led to low numbers of captures in the disposal site and in unvegetated areas. The major exception to this was meadow voles caught in the disposal site near clumps of beach grass and reedgrass.

- 49. The occurrence of meadow voles in all three habitat types on Nott Island is consistent with reports in the literature that it is found in a variety of situations: moist grasslands (Hall and Kelson 1959), mixed trees and grass (Buckner 1957, Stickel and Warbach 1960), and mature woodlands on islands (Dice 1925, Manville 1951, Werner 1956, and Webb 1965) and on the mainland (Soper 1946, Connor 1960).
- 50. Habitat use by meadow jumping mice on Nott Island is consistent with reports in the literature. Quimby (1951), Getz (1961), and Whitaker (1963) have found jumping mice in marsh, grass areas, and open upland forests. On Nott Island it was interesting to note that the greatest density of jumping mice was in the South grid in the area closest to the large marsh.
- 51. Short-tailed shrews indicated a preference for wetland habitat on Nott Island. According to the literature, shrews are normally found in moist situations (Pruitt 1953 and 1959) but avoid standing water (Getz 1961). The relative scarcity of shrews in Nott Island grasslands is at least partially explained by the lower moisture and higher temperatures in those areas.

Comparison with previous studies

52. Data from previous small mammal studies in 1974 and 1975 on Nott Island are given in Table 9. In the three years of study, three species (meadow voles, meadow jumping mice, and short-tailed shrews) have been continually present. The white-footed mouse (Peromyscus leucopus) was present in two years and the Norway rat (Rattus norvegicus) was trapped in one year. The white-footed mouse, which inhabits shrublands and forests and which was present in 1974 and in March 1975, may have been eliminated from the island by some aspect of the disposal operation of February to April 1975, or may have undergone natural extinction. Whether the disposal altered the white-footed mouse habitat or perhaps buried a small population is not known. The north end of the

Table 9

Comparison of Trapping Results for all Periods

		Meado	w vole	Meadow jum	ping mouse	White-for	oted mouse	Short-tai	led shrew	Morway	rat
Trapping Period	Number of Trap Nights	Number Captures	Catch/ Trap Nights								
-22 September 1974	235(2.6)	73(7.7)	0.31	14(3.7)	0.06	2(66.6)	0.09	1(5.3)	0.04	0	0
-12 March 1975	52 (0.6)	2(0.2)	0.04	0*	0	1(33.3)	0.02	0	0	0	o
-23 April 1975	61(0.7)	4(0.4)	0.07	0*	0	o	0	1(5.3)	0.02	0	o
June ~ 14 August 1975	1938(21.7)	163(17.1)	0.08	78(20.6)	0.04	o	0	0	o	4(10	0.0) 0.02
ione - 2 August 1976	6664 (74.5)	709(74.6)	0.11	287 (75.7)	0.04	0	_0	17 (89.5)	<0.01		0
Total or Average	8950	951	0.11	379	0.04	3	<0.01	19	<0.01	4	<0.01

Note: Numbers in parentheses are percent of trap nights and percent of number of catches per period.

^{*} Meadow jumping mice would be expected to be hibernating during this period and none were caught.

island would still appear to be suitable habitat for this species, yet none were trapped. The possible significance of any interspecific interactions that were related to the disappearance of white-footed mice is unknown.

53. Norway rats were present in the summer of 1975, but were apparently absent in 1974 and 1976. Rats probably invaded the island on boats, pipes, and other equipment associated with the disposal operations. In 1975, they were trapped mainly along the southern shores. Their ability to scavenge washed up material may have permitted their survival that summer. However, the absence of suitable food and shelter during the winter of 1975-76 may have eliminated them.

Observations of Other Mammals

54. Direct observation on conclusive signs of other mammal species not already mentioned in this report indicate that at least three other species inhabit Nott Island: white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus), muskrat (Ondatra zibethicus), and eastern mole (Scalopus aquaticus). Apparently about three deer reside on Nott Island during the summer and move back and forth between the island and the eastern shore during the winter. Ground reconnaissance and aerial photographs reveal several muskrat houses throughout the marsh, mainly in the cattail areas. Numerous underground runways, evidenced by raised areas in the sand, were seen near the south end of the disposal site and are believed to have been made by moles.

Birds

Methodology

55. From late February through June 1976, a record of birds visiting and breeding on Nott Island was made. Observations were made on foot and by canoe and primarily during morning hours. Visiting birds included those seen in flight over the island and in the cove and river areas adjacent to the island. During the breeding period, males singing

in the same locale over a period of time were presumed to indicate a breeding pair. This information was confirmed by further observation and location of active nests.

56. To relate bird breeding to general habitat, birds were recorded as being in the upland area (any shrubland or grassland association) or in the central wetland area (the Typha angustifolia, Phragmites australis, and Typha-Forb associations). Densities of breeding pairs within upland and the central wetland areas were calculated. Results

- 57. A total of 51 species was observed in 1976; this includes 33 species of visitors (Table 10) and 18 species of breeding pairs (Table 11). In 1975, the species count totalled 60 of which 23 were breeding. For both years combined, 70 species were recorded of which 26 were breeding.
- 58. Common visitors during 1976 included black duck (Anus rubripes), semipalmated sandpiper (Calidris pusillus), snowy egret (Egretta thula), little blue heron (Florida caerulea), herrring gull (Larus argentatus), great black-backed gull (Larus marinus), osprey (Pandion haliaetus), and double-crested cormorant (Phalacrocorax auritus) (Table 10). The most commonly seen species, the herring gull, was particularly abundant on the sandspit on the west side of the island.
- 59. Of the 29 species of birds that nested on Nott Island in 1975 and 1976, 15 species nested both years (Table 11). Of these, only the song sparrow (Melospiza melodia) nested in both upland and marsh areas in both years. The red-winged blackbird (Agelaius phoeniceus) nested in the marsh both years but in the upland only in 1976. Two species nested only in the marsh area but in both years: the long-billed marsh wren (Cistothorus palustris) and swamp sparrow (Melospiza georgiana). By comparison, eight species had nests in upland areas both years: common flicker (Colaptes auratus), bobwhite (Colinus virginianus), yellow warbler (Dendroica petechia), gray catbird (Dumetella carolinensis), willow flycatcher (Empidonox trailli), American goldfinch (Carduelis tristis), starling (Sturnus vulgaris), and mourning dove (Zenaida macroura).

Table 10

Bird Species Observed Visiting Nott Island,
February - June 1976

Scientific Name	Common Name	Remarks
Anas rubripes	Black duck	Common
Butorides striatus	Green heron	Uncommon
Calidris pusillus	Semipalmated sandpiper	Common
Cathartes aura	Turkey vulture	Occasional
Carpodacus purpureus	Purple finch	Rare
Charadrius semipalmatus	Semipalmated plover	Uncommon
Circus cyaneus	Marsh hawk	Occasional
Cygnus olor	Mute swan	Occasional
Egretta thula	Snowy egret	Common
Erolia minutilla	Least sandpiper	Uncommon
Falco sparverius	American kestrel	Seen once
Florida caerulea	Little blue heron	Fairly common
Gavia immer	Common loon	Seen once
Hirundo rustica	Barn swallow	Occasional
Iridoprocne bicolor	Tree swallow	Occasional
Ixobrychus exilis	Least bittern	Seen once in marsh
Larus arger tatus	Herring gull	Abundunt
Larus marinus	Great black-backed gull	Common to abundant
Megaceryle alcyon	Belted kingfisher	Rare
Mergus merganser	Common merganser	Occasional
Nyticorax nycticorax	Black-crowned night heron	Occasional immatures in marsh
Pandion haliaetus	Osprey	Common
Phalacrocorax auvitus	Double-rested	Common
Phasianus colchicus	Ring-necked pheasant	Rare

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Table 10 (Concluded)

Scientific Name	Common Name	Remarks
Pluvialis squatarola	Black-bellied plover	Rare
Quiscalus quiscula	Common grackle	Occasional
Riparia riparia	Bank swallow	Rare
Seiurus noveboracensis	Northern waterthrush	Seen once
Sterna albifrons	Least tern	Uncommon
Sterna hirundo	Common tern	Uncommon
Tringa flavipes	Lesser yellowlegs	Rare
Tringa melanoleucus	Greater yellowlegs	Uncommon
Tyrannus tyrannus	Eastern kingbird	Two seen

Table 1:

**Mumber of Breeding Bird Pairs and Densities in Central Marsh and Upland Areas on Nott Island, 1975 and 1976

**Central Marsh = 8.7 ha, Upland Areas = 20.0 ha)

		Central F	larsh Area			Upland	Areas			ntral Mare	h and Upland Are	
	Mamber of	<u> </u>	1976		1975		1976	<u> </u>	Number of	K 71.7	1976	
Scientific And Common Hame	Breeding Pairs	Density/	Mumber of Breeding Pairs	hensity/	Mumber of Breeding Pairs	Density/ ha	Number of Breeding Pairs	Density/	Breeding Pairs	Density/	Mumber of Breeding Pairs	Density/ ha
Actitis macularia Spotted sandpiper	Not observed		Not observed		.3	0.15	Not observed		3	0.11	Not observed	
Red-winged blackbird	25	2.94	23	2.71	Not observed		8	0.40	25	0.88	31	1.09
frias platyrhymchos Mallard	2	0.24	Not observed	••	ant observed		3	0.15	2	0.07	3	0.11
Tranta canadensis Canada goose	3	0.35	Not observed	•-	Not observed .		Not observed		3	0.11	Not observed	
Ordinalia cardinalia Cardinal	Not observed		Not observed		2	0.10	Not observed		2	0.07	Not observed	
American goldfinch	Not observed		Not observed		5	0.25	1	0.05	5	0.18	1	0.04
'arpodacus mexicamus House finch	Not observed		Not observed	**	3	0.15	2	0.10	3	0.11	5	0.07
heredrine vociferus Killdeer	Not observed	••	Not observed		Mrt observed		2	0.10	Not observed		5	0.07
'istothorus palustris Long-billed marsh wren	15	1.76	16	1.88	Not observed	÷-	Not observed		15	0.53	16	0.56
Polaptes emratus Common flicker	Not observed		Not observed		2	0,10	1	0.05	2	0.07	1	0.04
:inue <u>virginenue</u> Hobyhite	Not observed		%it observed		6	0.70	3	2,15	6	0.21	3	0.11
rvus brachyrhynchos Ramon crov	Not observed	••	Not observed	••	Mot observed		1	0.05	Not observed	••	1	0.04
ywnoditta eristata Hius jay	Not observed	••	Not observed		1	0.05	Not observed		1	0.04	Not observed	
endroics petechis Yellow warbler	Not observed		Not observed		17	0.85	15	0.75	17	0.60	15	0.53
ometella garolinensis Oray cathird	Not observed		Not observed		10	0.50	3	0.15	10	0.35	3	0.11
mpidonam trailli Willow flycatcher	Not observed	••	Not observed	••	5	0.25	3	0.15	5	0.18	3	0.11
whippis triches	5	0.24	Not observed		12	0.60	11	0.55	14	0.40	u	0.40
spira georgiana	1	0.12	3		Not observed		Not observed		1	0.04	3	0.11
spiza melodia	6	0.71	2		14	0.65	19	0.95	19	0.67	21	0.74
mir polyglottos	Not observed		Not observed		5	0.10	Not observed		21	0.07	Not observed	

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Table (1 (Concluded)

		Central M	arsh Area			Ut land	Areas		Total (Ce	ntral Mars	h sawi Upland Are	2.8
	1975		1976		1975		1976		1975		1976	
	Number of	Density/	Mumber of	Density/	Mamber of	Density/	Mumber of	Density/	Mumber of	Density/	Mamber of	Detrail to
cientific and Common Name	Breeding Pairs	he	Breeding Pairs	<u>ha</u>	Breeding Pairs	ha	Breeding Pairs	ha	Breeding Pairs	he	Breeding Pairs	n.
erus etricapillus Black-capped chickedee	not observed		not observed		1	0.05	not observed	•-	ι	n, o4	not observed	• •
hilohela minor American woodcock	not observed		not observed	••	not observed	••	1	0.05	not observed	•-	1	6, sk
allus limicola Virginia rail	1	0.12	not observed		not observed	••	not observed		1	0.04	not observed	
turnus valgaris Starling	not observed		not observed	••	3	0.15	2	0.10	3	0.11	2	0.07
rrennus tyrennus Bustern kingbird	not observed		not observed		5	0.10	not observed		2	0.07	not observed	
enaids macroura Mourning dove	not observed		not observed		3	0.15	2	0 - 10	4	0.11	2	0.07
TOTAL	55	6.47	44	5.18	90	4.50	77	3.85	145	5.09	121	4.2

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- 60. Eight species nested in 1975 but not in 1976: Canada goose (Branta canadensis), Virginia rail (Rallus iumicota), spotted sandpiper (Actitis macularia), blue jay (Cyanocitta cristata), mockingbird (Mimus polyglottus), black-capped chickadee (Parus atricapillus), cardinal (Cardinalis cardinalis), and eastern kingbird (Tyannus tyrannus).
- 61. Three species of breeding birds were observed in 1976 but not in 1975: killdeer (Charadrius vociferus), American woodcock (Philoheta minor), and common crow (Corvus brachyrhynchos).
- 62. The number of breeding pairs, as well as the number of breeding species, declined from 1975 to 1976. In 1975, 145 pairs were observed, and in 1976 there were 121 pairs (Table 11). In both years, nearly twice as many pairs nested in upland areas as compared to the number in the central marsh. However, the density of pairs was greater in the central marsh (6.47 and 5.18) than in the upland (4.50 and 3.85) (Table 11).
- 63. There was no breeding activity on either the new or the old disposal areas. Bird activity there was mostly roosting and some feeding by gulls, crows, and swarlows. The areas of greatest diversity of breeding birds were also those with the greatest vegetational diversity and maximum cover. While greatest densities of breeding pairs occurred in marsh areas, only the swamp sparrow showed a preference for reedgrass.

Microclimates

Method

64. Five temperature stations were established on 30 June 1976 and read at least twice weekly until they were removed on 19 August 1976. The locations of the stations are given on Figure 3. One was located in wetland, three in the shrublands, and one in the grasslands (Figure 7). Each station consisted of a pair of minimum-maximum thermometers, one at ground level and one 30 cm above the soil surface. Both thermometers were supported on a single stake, shaded on three sides and above, with the open side facing north.

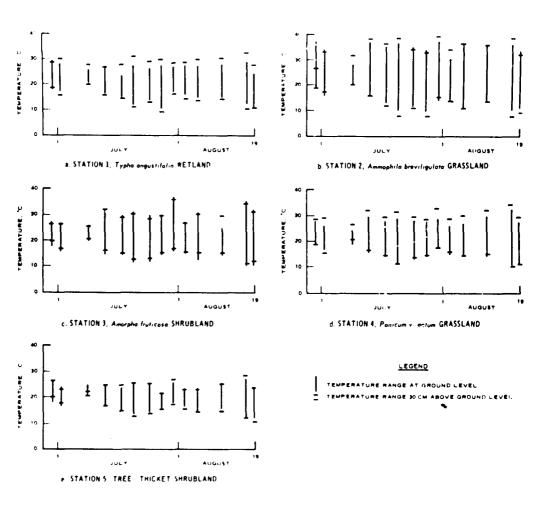


Figure 7. Temperature ranges at microclimate stations

with the open side facing north.

Results

- 65. Graphs of temperature ranges for each station during the study period are given in Figure 7. The station showing the greatest temperature extremes was Number 2 in the Anmophila breviligulata grassland. There, both minimum and maximum values for surface and 30-cm readings had the largest minimum maximum ranges throughout the sampling period; the temperature at the 30-cm height consistently tended to be 5 to 18 degrees greater than at ground level.
- 66. The most temperature-stable station was Number 5 in the Tree-Thicket shrubland. Maximum temperature were 10 to 35 degrees lower than in the Ammophila breviligulata) (Station 2) grassland and minimums were 10 to 25 degrees higher. There was also much less difference between the surface and 30-cm readings. All these differences were predictable from microclimate literature. The Amorpha fruticosa shrubland (Station 3) showed a range of temperatures at both ground level and 30-cm that was second only to the Ammophila breviligulata (Station 2) grassland. Because of the rather dense shrub canopy at Station 3, the results were not quite as expected. Temperature extremes at the Typha angustifolia (Station 1) wetland and at the Panicum virgatum mixed graminoid (Station 4) grassland were approximately the same, with the wetland station slightly cooler.

PART III: ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL PLOTS

Experimental Design

- 67. An area in the southwest corner of the disposal site was selected for establishment of the experimental plots. This area had a relatively uniform layer of fine organic material (from the recreational channel) over sandy dredged material (from the main channel). The depths of the finer-textured deposits appeared to increase somewhat on both north-to-south and east-to-west gradients. The area was thoroughly rototilled by the Wildlife Division of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) during mid-August 1976, and planted in the third week.
- 68. Three replicates of 32 plots, for a total of 96, were laid out (Figure 8). Each plot measured 1.5 by 1.0 m and 0.5-m spacing was left between contiguous plots. Four species of grasses, tall fescue (Festuca elatior), orchard grass (Dactylis glomerata), timothy (Phleum pratense), and perennial ryegrass (Lolium perenne); and two legumes, red clover, (Trifolium pratens), and white clover (Trifolium repens) were planted. Two rows were left unplanted. Four different lime treatments were applied to each species: control, and 3.6, 5.4, and 7.2 metric tons per 0.4 ha.

Initial Observations

69. The site was visited on 1 October 1976, and estimates were made of percent vegetation cover and plant height within each plot.

Notes on plant appearance and other observations were made. Cover and height estimates are given in Table 12. Even after this short growing period, the estimates for these species clearly showed the positive effects of lime but did not indicate any clear trend in terms of optimum levels. Overall, plant growth was least vigorous in the Replicate 3, the southernmost replicate where the finer-textured deposits were the deepest.

Not planted

Trifolium repens
White clover
Trifolium pratense
Red clover
Not planted
Lolium perenne
Perennial ryegrass
Phleum pratense
Timothy

Dachtylis glomerata Orchard grass Festuca elatior Tall fescue

1	0	3	2	3	2	1	0	0	3	2	1
2	3	0	1	1	3	2	0	2	0	1	3
1	2	3	0	1	0	2	3	2	0	1	3
1	2	0	3	2	0	3	1	2	1	3	0
1	2	3	0	2	3	0	1	1	2	0	3
2	3	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	1	3	2
3	1	0	2	2	0	1	3	2	1	0	3
0	2	1	3	3	1	2	0	2	3	0	1
	Replie	cate 1			Replic	cate 2			Repli	cate 3	}

Figure 8. Planting plan for the experimental plots established within the disposal area. Each plot is 1.5 x 1.0 m with 0.5 m between contiguous plots. Lime treatments are indicated by numbers within each plot as follows:

0, no lime; 1, 3.6 metric tons/0.4 ha; 2, 5.4 metric tons/

0.5 ha; and 3, 7.2 metric tons/0,4 ha

Table 12 Seedling Development in the Experimental Plots about Four Weeks after Planting*

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				Estimat	e of Growth w	ithin Lime Trea	tment##		
Species	Replicate No.		Perce	nt Cover	_		Height	, CM	
		Lime 0	Lime 1	Lime 2	Lime 3	Line 0	Lime 1	Lime 2	Lime 3
Trifolium repens									
White clover	1	: 2	25	25	35	1.5	3.0	7.5	5.0
	2	2	15	28	30	1.5	3.5	6.0	4.5
	3	12	$\frac{13}{17.7}$	10	12		2.0		
	Mean	12 5.3	17.7	21	$\frac{12}{25.7}$	$\frac{2.5}{1.8}$	2.8	3.0	3.8
rifolium pretenso									
Red clover	1	3	10	12	20		5.0		
	2	5	15	35	20	3.0 3.5	3.5	7.5 8.0	7.0 9.0
	3				11	1.0	4.5		
<i>:</i>	Mean	3.7	15 13.3	$\frac{15}{20.7}$	11 17.7	2.5	4.3	6.7	3,5 6,5
Lolien perenne									
Perennial ryegra	1 1	25	28	45					
	2	12	45	33	45 35	14.0	12.0	20.0	16.0
	3	1				10.0 7.0	18.0 23.0	15.0	18.0
	Mean	- 5 4.0	50 41.0	$\frac{35}{37.6}$	45.7	10.3	17.7	$\frac{17.0}{17.3}$	16.0
Phleum pratense									
Timothy	1	2	8	20	25				
	2 .	2	20	35	45	5.0 5.0	8.0 9.0	7.0	10.0
	2 · 3	ī	7	10	30	5.0	7.0	11.0 7.0	12.0
	Mean	$\frac{1.7}{1.7}$	11.7	21.7	33.3	5.0	8.0	8.3	10.0
Dachtylie glomerata	,								
Orchard grass	1	5	23	33	18	8.0	13.0	25.0	13.0
	2	5	42	45	28	13.0	18.0	22.0	17.0
	3	3	40	33	20	8.0	17.0	18.0	15.0
	Mean	4.3	35.0	44.3	22.0	9.7	16.0	21.7	15.0
estuca elatior									
Tall feecue	1	8	35	35	30	8.0	13.0	15.0	
	2 2	15	55	32	35	14.0	20.0	20.0	18.0 18.0
	3	3	35	60	35	6.0	20.0	18.0	18.0
	Mean	8.7	41.7	42.3	33.3	9.3	17.7	17.7	18.0

^{*}Seeds were planted third week of August 1976. Estimates on this table were made 1 October 1976.

** Lime 0 = No lime
Lime 1 = 3.6 metric tons/C.4 ha
Lime 2 = 5.4 metric tons/O.4 ha
Lime 3 = 7.2 metric tons/O.4 ha

70. Deer and geese were common on the site in October, as witnessed by tracks and droppings, and may have grazed the plantings. The clovers and orchard grass in particular appeared to have been grazed.

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Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Equisetaceae Horsetail family	Equisetum arvense	Horsetail
Polypodiaceae Fern Family	Dryopteris Thelypteris Onoclea sensibilis	Marsh fern Sensitive fern
Taxaceae Yew family	Taxus cuspidata	Japanese yew
Pinaceae Pine family	Juniperus virginiana Pinus sp.	Red cedar Pine
Typhaceae	Typha angustifolia	Narrow-leaved cattail
Sparganiaceae Bur-reed family	Sparganium eurycarpum	Bur-reed
Zosteraceae Pondweed family	Potamogeton sp.	Pondweed
Alismataceae Water-plantain family	Alisma subcordatum Lophotocarpus spongiosus	Water-plantain Hooded arrowhead
Gramineae Grass amily	Agropyran repens Agrostis alba Agrostis hyemalis Agrostis scabra Agrostis tenuis Ammophila breviligulata Anthoxanthum odoratum Cenchrus tribuloides Digitaria sanguinalis Echinochloa crusgalli Echinochloa pungens ** Echinochloa Walteri ** Elymus virginicus Eragrostis megastachyā Eragrostis pilosa ** Festuca octoflora Festuca ovina Festuca rubra Leersia oryzoides Leptoloma cognatum Panicum capillare	Witch-grass Red top Ticklegrass Hairgrass Rhode Island bent Beachgrass Sweet vernal grass Sand-spur Crab-grass Barnyard-grass Wild rye "Stink-grass Love-grass Love-grass Sheep's-fescue Fescue Rice cutgrass Fall witch-grass Old-witch grass

^{*}Nomenclature based primarily on <u>Gray's Manual of Botany</u>, 8th edition (Fernald 1950).

^{**}Tentative identification for these species and for the genera Agrostis, Poa, Carex, Cyperus, and Juneus except Juneus effusus.

	Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Graminea:	(Continued)	Panicum clandestinum Panicum dichotomiflorum Panicum latifolium** Panicum lanuginosum** Panicum meridionale** Panicum philadelphicum** Panicum virgatum Phragmites australis Poa compressa Poa nemoralis Poa palustris Poa trivalis Spartina alterniflora Spartina cynosuroides Spartina pectinata	Panic grass Switchgrass Reedgrass Canada bluegrass Foin a vaches Fowl-meadow grass Rough-stalked meadow grass Salt-water cordgrass Salt reedgrass Fresh-water cordgrass
		Triplasis purpurea Zizania aquatica	Sand-grass Wild rice
Cyperaceae Sedge family	Bulbostylis capillaris Carex annectens Carex hormathodes Carex lanuginosa	Sedge Sedge Sedge Sedge	
	Carex lurida Carex retrorsa Carex rostrata Carex scabrata Carex stipata Carex vulpinoidea Cyperus dentatus	Sedge Sedge Sedge Sedge Sedge Umbrella-sedge	
	Cyperus erythrorhizos Cyperus esculentus Cyperus filiculmis Cyperus odoratus Cyperus strigosus	Sedge Yellow nut-grass Sedge Sedge Sedge	
	Eleocharis spp. Scirpus americanus Scirpus atrovirens Scirpus cyperinus Scirpus fluviatilis Scirpus robustus Scirpus validus	Spike rush Three-square Bulrush Wool grass River-bulrush Bulrush Great bulrush	
Araceae	family	Arisaema Dracontium Peltandra virginica	Green dragon
Commelina	•	Commelina communis	Arrow arum Dayflower

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Pontederiaceae Pickerelweed famil	Pontederia cordata y	Pickerelweed
Juncaceae Rush family	Juncus acuminatus Juncus dichotomous Juncus Dudleyi Juncus effusus Juncus secundus Juncus tenuis	Rush Rush Rush Soft rush Rush Rush
Liliaceae Lily family	Allium sp. Asparagus officinalis Lilium canadense Smilax glauca Smilax herbacea	Wild onion Garden asparagus Wild yellow lily Sawbrier Carrion flower
Iridaceae Iris family	Inis Pseudacorus Iris versicolor Sisyrinchium angustifolium	Yellow iris Blue flag Blue-eyed grass
Salicaceae Willow family	Populus deltoides Populus tremuloides Salix fragilis Salix nigra	Cottonwood Quaking aspen Crack willow Black willow
Myricaceae Wax-myrtle family	Myrica pensylvanica	Bayberry
Corylaceae Hazel family	Alnus serrulata Betula populifolia	Common alder White birch
Fagaceae Beech family	Quercus bicolor Quercus velutina	Swamp white oak Black oak
Ulmaceae Elm family	Celtis occidentalis Ulmus americana	Hackberry American elm
Urticaceae Nettle family	Boehmeria cylindrica Parietaria pensylvanica Pilea pumila Urtica dioica	Bog-hemp Pellitory Clearweed Stinging nettle
Polygonaceae Buckwheat family	Polygonum arifolium Polygonum cuspidatum Polygonum lapathifolium Polygonum punctatum Polygonum sagittatum Polygonum scandens Rumex Acetosella Rumex orbiculatus	Halberd-leaved tearthum Japanese knotweed Smartweed Water smartweed Arrow-leaved thumbweed Climbing false buckwhea Sheep sorrel Water dock

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Chenopodiaceae Goosefoot family	Chenopodium ambrosioides Chenopodium sp.	Mexican-tea Pigweed
Amaranthaceae Amaranth family	Acnida cannabina	Water-hemp
Phytolaccaceae Pokeweed family	Phytolacca americana	Poke
Aizoaceae fleshy, succu- lent plants	Mollugo verticillata	Carpetweed
Caryophyllaceae Pink family	Arenaria lateriflora Saponaria officinalis Stellaria media	Grove sandwort Soapwort Common chickweed
Ranunculaceae Crowfoot family	Ranunculus acris Thalictrum polygamum	Common buttercup Tall meadow-rue
Berberidaceae Barberry family	Berberis Thunbergii Berberis vulgaris	Japanese barberry Common barberry
Lauraceae Laurel family	Sassafras albidum	White sassafras
Cruciferae Mustard family	Barbarea vulgaris Cakile edentula Cardamine sp. Lepidium virginicum Raphanus Raphanistrum Rorippa islandica Rorippa sylvestris	Common wintercress Sea-rocket Bitter cress Poor man's pepper Wild radish Yellow cress Creeping yellow cress
Saxifragaceae Saxifrage family	Penthorum sedoides	Ditch-stonecrop
Platanaceae Plane-tree family	Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore
Rosaceae Rose family	Crataegus sp. Geum laciniatum Potentilla anserina Potentilla canadensis Potentilla norvegica Prunus serotina Pyrus malus Rose multiflora Rosa allegheniensis	Hawthorn Avens Silverweed Cinequefoil Rough cinquefoil Wild black cherry Apple Multiflora rose Blackberry

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Rosaceae (Continued)	Rubus flagellaris Spiraea latifolia Spireaea tomentosa	Dewberry Meadow-sweet Hardhack
Leguminosae Pulse family	Amorpha fruticosa Desmodium sp. Lespedeza sp. Robinia Pseudo-Acacia Strophostyles helvola Wisteria sinensis	False indigo Tick-trefoil Bush-clover Black locust Wild bean Chinese wisteria
Linaceae Flax family	Linum sp.	Flax
Oxalidaceae Wood-sorrel family	Oxalis europaea	Wood-sorrel
Geraniaceae Geranium family	Geranium maculatum	Wild geranium
Simaroubaceae Quassia family	Ailanthus altissima	Tree-of-heaven
Euphorbiaceae Spurge family	Euphorbia Cyparissias Euphorbia polygonifolia	Cypress spurge Spurge
Anacardiaceae Cashew family	Rhus copallina Rhus glabra Rhus radicans Rhus typhina	Shining or Winged sumad Smooth sumad Poison ivy Staghorn sumad
Aquifoliaceae Holly family	Ilex verticillata	Winterberry
Celastraceae Staff-tree famil	Celastrus orbiculatus	Oriental bittersweet
	Euonymus europaeus	European spindle-tree
Aceraceae Maple family	Acer saccharinum	Silver maple
Balsaminaceae Touch-me-not family	Impatiens capensis	Touch-me-not
Rhamnaceae Buckthorn family	'Rhamnus cat'artica	Common buckthorn
Vitaceae Vine family	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	Virginia creeper

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Vitaceae (continued)	Vitis Labrusca Vitis sp.	Fox grape Grape
Malvaceae Mallow family	Hibiscus palustris	Marsh mallow
Guttiferae St. John's wort family	Hypericum gentianoides Hypericum mutilum Hypericum punctatum	Orange-grass St. John's-wort St. John's-wort
Lythraceae Loosestrife family	Lythrum Salicaria	Spiked loosestrife
Nyssaceae Sour gum family	Nyssa sylvatica	Black gum
Onagraceae Evening primrose	Circaea quadrisulcata	Enchanter's nightshade
family	Epilobium hirsutum Oenothera parvifolia	Willow-herb Evening primrose
Umbelliferae Parsley family	Cicuta bulbifera Heracleum maximum Ptilimnium capillaceum Sium suave	Water-hemlock Cow-parsnip Mock bishop's weed Water parsnip
Cornaceae Dogwood family	Cornus Amomum	Silky dogwood
Ericaceae Heath family	Vaccinium corymbosum	Highbush blueberry
Primulareae	Lysimachia ciliata	Loosestrife
Primrose family	Samolus parviflorus	Water pimpernel
Oleaceae Olive family	Fraxinus pensylvanica	Red ash
Loganiaceae Logania family	Ligustrum sp.	Privet
Apocynaceae Dogbane family	Apocynum cannabinum	Indian hemp
Asclepiadaceae Milkweed family	Asclepias incarnata Asclepias syriaca	Swamp milkweed Milkweed
Convolvulaceae Convolvulus	Convolvulus sepium Cuscuta sp.	Morning glory Dodder
Boraginaceue Borage family	Myosotis laxa	Scorpion-grass

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Verbenaceae Vervain family	Verbena hastata	Blue vervain
Labiatae Mint family	Lycopus americanus Mentha arvensis Mentha sp. Scutellaria epilobiifolia Scutellaria lateriflora Stachys tenuifolia Teucrium canadense	Bugleweed Mint Mint Common scullcap Mad-dog skullcap Hedge nettle Wood-sage
Solanaceae Nightshade family	Solanum Dulearara Solanum nigrum	Nightshade Common nightshade
Scrophulariaceae Figwort family	Gratiola neglecta Linaria canadensis Linaria vulgaris Lindernia anagallidea Lindernia dubia Mimulus ringens Scrophularia lancelata Verbascum Thapsus	Hedge-hyssop Old-field toadflax Butter-and-eggs False pimpernel False pimpernel Monkey-flower Figwort Common mullein
Bignoniaceae Bignonia family	Catalpa speciosa	Catawba tree
Plantaginaceae Plantain family	Plantago major Plantago ep.	Common plantain Plantain
Rubiaceae Madder family	Cephalanthus occidentalis Galium Aparine Galium sp. Houstonia caerulea	Buttonbush Cleavers Bedstraw Bluets
Caprifoliaceae Honeysuckle family	Lonicera japonica Sambucus canadensis Viburnum recognitum	Japanese honeysuckle Common elder Arrowood
Cucurbitaceae Gourd family	Echinocystis lcbata	Wild cucumber
Campanulaceae Bluebell family	Campanula aparinoides	Marsh bellflower
Composite family	Achillea Millefolium Ambrosia artemisiifolia Ambrosia trifida	Common yarrow Common ragweed Great ragweed

Family

Scientific Name

Common Name

Compositae (Continued) Baccharis halimifolia

Bidens sp. Cirsium vulgare Erechtites hieracifolia Erigeron canadensis Eupatorium maculatum Eupatorium perfoliatum Galineoga ciliata Gnaphalium obtusifolium Gnaphalium uliginosum Gnaphalium sp. Hieracium pratense Krigia virginica Lactuca canadensis Mikania scandens Pluchea purpurascens Rudbeckia serotina Solidago graminifolia Solidago rugoea Solidago sempervirens Tanacetum vulgare Taraxacum officinale Xanthium sp.

Groundsel-tree
Bur-marigold
Common thistle
Fireweed
Horse-weed
Joe-pye-weed
Boneset
Blake
Everlasting
Low cudweed

King devil
Dwarf dandelion
Lettuce
Climbing hempweed
Stinkweed
Black-eyed susan
Grass-leaved goldenrod
Rough-edged goldenrod
Seaside goldenrod
Common tansy
Dandelion
Cocklebur

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